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Use of Chicago police polygraphs down in face of false confessions

Examiners focusing on giving 'lie-detector' tests to job candidates

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After decades of relying on controversial polygraph examinations to help solve crimes, the Chicago Police Department has drastically scaled back on giving so-called lie-detector tests in the course of criminal investigations.

In what appears to be a shift in focus, the department's polygraph unit examiners, who previously worked under the forensic services division, have been relocated to human <u>resources</u> , where their primary responsibility is administering the tests to police officer <u>candidates</u> . The examiners' new unit follows industry standards for conducting polygraphs.

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The move was said to be temporary, but one year later, the examiners are still with the personnel unit.

"The temporary detail was made to address the backlog in pre-employment screenings needs," police spokesman Adam Collins said. "There hasn't been a move away from polygraphs as a part of criminal investigations."

Collins did not say how long the three examiners would remain with human resources, which has seen a significant increase in the number of preemployment polygraphs. He said only that it would be "until the need has been met." The examiners continue to conduct criminal polygraphs as the need arises, Collins said.

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The timing of the examiners' move to the personnel unit corresponded with a Tribune investigation (http://www.chicagotribune.com/ct-met-polygraph-confessions-20130310,0,57552.story) into the polygraph unit's role in obtaining false confessions. Critics decried the department's use of polygraphs, claiming the examiners employed it as an interrogation prop to extract confessions. Some detractors also questioned the validity of the polygraph itself, <u>calling</u> it junk science. Polygraphs have played a role in several Chicago murder prosecutions that unraveled.

At the time of the Tribune's investigation, published in March, police extolled the polygraph as a valuable investigative <u>tool</u> 🗗 in criminal cases.

But the Tribune found that Chicago police did not adhere to voluntary published standards for how polygraphs are administered or scored. For example, major industry groups strongly encourage numerical scoring of polygraph exams, but it wasn't until 2012 that Chicago police said their examiners had recently begun employing the practice. Before that, one examiner agreed in a sworn deposition that he scored a test simply by "eyeballing it."

One of them was Chicago <u>mother</u> I Nicole Harris, who had been convicted in 2005 of murdering her 4-year-old son. A federal appeals court overturned her conviction, and her case was dismissed in June after the Cook County state's attorney's office completed a comprehensive reinvestigation.

"We do not believe that it would be in the interest of justice to proceed on this matter," State's Attorney Anita Alvarez said in a statement at the time.

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Harris claimed she falsely confessed to Chicago police examiner Robert Bartik only after he berated her and told her she had failed the polygraph exam, though police records show the test was inconclusive.

Bartik, who in court records denied those claims, declined to comment.

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to a supervisor who is a licensed polygraph examiner, and written procedures dictate that the examiners comply with professional standards, according to police records and officials.

Steven Drizin, a law professor at <u>Northwestern University</u> and expert in false confessions, was part of the team from the university's Center on Wrongful Convictions that represented Harris in her appeal.

Drizin said he believes the department's decision to shift the focus of the examiners "is an admission that their presence in criminal cases, especially homicide cases, is a liability to the prosecution."

"There are legions of false confessions that came about as a result of the introduction of false polygraph results during the course of an interrogation," he added.

The defendants who were later cleared said they had believed the polygraph was a scientific test that would confirm their innocence. They said police told them a polygraph could prove if they were telling the truth. Instead, they alleged that the polygraph examiners manipulated them into falsely confessing and in one case made up a confession.

Collins said the department has not changed its philosophy regarding criminal polygraphs. The decision to move the examiners to the personnel unit was made in October 2012, and the examiners began in the personnel unit the following month, he said. At the time the Tribune's investigation was published months later, department officials denied <u>the unit's</u> of focus or responsibilities had shifted.

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